Watershed MANAGEMENT 

# Drought Information Center

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Except in its extreme corners, the Commonwealth has received some measurable precipitation within the past 24 hours. The precipitation was heaviest over the west-central portion of the state. Close to an inch of precipitation was observed in some areas.

The smaller tributaries in the Delaware River Basin are holding at near normal flow, while the Schuylkill and Delaware Rivers continue their sharp decline and remain below normal.

Stream flows in the Ohio River basin remain mixed with most the Allegheny watershed tributaries still well below normal. The Monongahela basin continues to experience flow near or above normal. The Ohio River flow at Sewickley at 4:00 this morning was 27,300 cubic feet per second, up again slightly from yesterday and the day before but still below normal.

West Branch Susquehanna River flows at Renovo and Williamsport are showing minimal increases and remain well below normal. Some tributary streams such as Trout Run in Lycoming County, and Bald Eagle Creek, Beech Creek and Marsh Creek in Centre County are experiencing record low flows for this time of year. Flows in the Susquehanna River at Wilkes-Barre, Sunbury, and Harrisburg are once again declining and remain are well below normal.

Groundwater levels are generally holding steady over the Commonwealth.

Though some areas of the state received significant precipitation over the past 24 hours, it is too early to observe its impact. The affects of this precipitation as well as that predicted over the next few days will be closely monitored.

The weather forecast for eastern Pennsylvania calls for a chance of measurable precipitation through Friday accompanied by a slight warming trend. The forecast for western Pennsylvania calls for a mix of precipitation through Friday afternoon, with partly cloudy conditions for the weekend. Temperatures are predicted to range from lows of 15 to 25 degrees, to highs hitting the mid forties.

(Note: This report has been updated from the 10:30 posting to reflect more accurate rain gage information.)